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In re application of: **Jack A. Mobley, Jason D. Gregg, Kenny T. Coker and
Leonard D. Doss**
Assignee: **Seagate Technology LLC**
Application No.: **09/696,269** Group Art Unit: **2186**
Filed: **October 24, 2000** Examiner: **P. Bataille**
For: **IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN A DATA STORAGE DEVICE USING
HEAD-TO-HEAD OFFSETS IN ACCESS COMMAND SCHEDULING
(as amended)**

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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION (PAPER NO. 7)
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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments in the above identified United States patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 10.

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	18	- 20	= 0	x \$	18.00	= \$	0.00
INDEP.	4	- 3	= 1	x \$	86.00	= \$	86.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				+ \$	0.00	= \$	0.00
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$		86.00

Total additional fee for claims required \$86.00

FEE PAYMENT

5. Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$86.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-0540.

Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above.

A duplicate of this paper is attached.

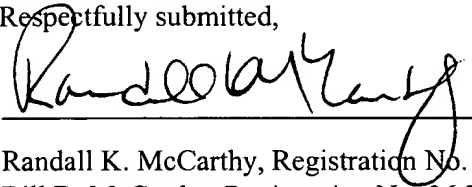
FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 06-0540.
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